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Applicant: BERMAN et al. Examiner: Unassigned
Serial No.: 10/666,538 Group Art Unit: 3747
Filed: 9/19/2003 Docket No.: KING.005C1
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING REPEATED ELIMINATION
BONUS IN GAMING ACTIVITIES

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In response to the Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 – Pending Application, mailed December 21, 2004, Applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Applicant and the USPTO regarding an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed **January 9, 2004** for the above-identified patent application. An IDS for this case was filed on March 3, 2004. If the Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 was issued in error, we kindly request notification thereof. Otherwise, we request clarification of the Notice.

If necessary, the undersigned attorney of record may be contacted at 651-686-6633 to discuss any issues related to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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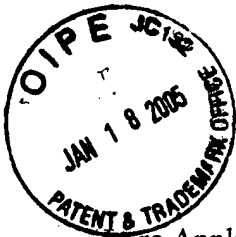
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